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SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT OF INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES IN
AUSTRALIA

REF: (A) CANBERRA 283 (B) CANBERRA 526

1. REFUGEE MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN REFERRED TO IN
PARA 3 REF A HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED PAROLE INTO U.S.
EMBASSY AWAITING RESULTS FALCON NAMECHECKS FROM DEPT
BEFORE COMPLETING TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS. THEY
HAVE NOT RPT NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE LEFT MALAYSIA.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH
REFUGEES. INFO ON GROUP (INCLUDING REMAINING 27
PERSONS) WAS PROVIDED BY MR. AND MRS. MATHER OF
AUSTASIA TIMBERS CO. ORIGINAL LIST GIVEN TO EMBASSY
BY MATHER DURING VISIT ON DEC 3 INDICATED THAT 27 OF
31 HAD REQUESTED RESETTLEMENT IN AUSTRALIA. IN VIEW
OF DEPT'S NOTIFICATION TO ALL POSTS THAT CRITERIA
FOR PAROLE ELIGIBILITY AFTER OCT 31 WOULD BE VERY
RESTRICTIVE, CONSOFF GAVE MATHERS NO RPT NO ENCOUR-
AGEMENT THAT ANY OF GROUP WOULD BE ABLE QUALIFY AT
LEAST UNTIL BIO DATA, PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL
QUALIFICATIONS, AND DATA ON RELATIVES IN U.S. COULD
BE OBTAINED. DATA SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED FROM
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MATHER FAILED TO INDICATE ANY RELATIVES IN U.S.

(EXCEPT FOR PHAN THI HOA AND 3 CHILDREN WHO WERE REPORTED TO DEPT AND FOR WHOM PAROLE AUTHORIZATION ALREADY RECEIVED). OTHER REFUGEES CLOSEST RELATIONSHIP TO ANYONE IN U.S. WAS "FRIEND". OF REMAINING 27, ONLY INDICATION OF REFUGEE PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BY U.S. EMBASSY IN SAIGON IS ONE DINH THI MUOT, FEMALE, 36 YRS OF AGE, WHO LISTED PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT AS "SECRETARY OF AMERICA DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE, APO 96222." SHE ALSO ORIGINALLY REQUESTED RESETTLEMENT IN AUSTRALIA. OTHER ADULTS LISTED PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/EMPLOYMENT AS: (1) MECHANIC FOR PACIFIC ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERS (2) HOUSEWIFE (3) REPORTER FOR CHINH LUAN'S NEWSPAPER (4) ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN, VIETNAMESE NAVY SHIPYARD.

3. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING OBTAIN MORE DETAILED BACKGROUND INFO ON GROUP FROM UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE, BUT THUS FAR HAVE HAD NO SUCCESS. DOUBT THAT UNHCR WILL BE ABLE PROVIDE INFO REQUESTED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION TEAM IN BANGKOK ON/ABOUT JAM 30.

4. AS IT IS PROBABLE BASED ON INFO THUS FAR AVAILABLE THAT (1) FEW IF ANY OF REMAINING GROUP WILL BE ABLE QUALIFY FOR U.S. PAROLE, AND (2) THEIR ORIGINAL REQUEST WAS TO BE RESETTLED IN AUSTRALIA - EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CANBERRA'S APPROACH TO GOVT OF AUSTRALIA ON THEIR BEHALF. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION TEAM TO SCREEN GROUP ON THEIR WAY TO BANGKOK?

5. REGRET THAT DUE TO LACK OF BACKGROUND INFO ON REFUGEES AND NO NEW GUIDELINES FROM DEPT UPON WHICH TO BASE POSSIBLE PAROLE ELIGIBILITY, EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE THUS FAR ASSIST THEM FURTHER.
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